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TIME TO PASS THE TORCH

I have truly enjoyed writing the newsletter for MWF for the last four years but the time has come to pass the torch to the next great editor.

I have been asking around casually to see if anyone has an interest in contributing to our wonderful community in a fun and informative way for the last six months or so without any luck. So now I am now reaching out officially.

I love living in this neighborhood and have made many friends over the years by getting involved and being a part of what goes on around here. My involvement started with this newsletter. At first it was a little daunting when I realized that "Editor" actually meant "writer" with "photographer" and "creator" mixed in. I had to learn the software, which is actually easier in some aspects than Word.

I took over from a wonderful lady right before she was moving out of state and therefore I didn't get much training. I want to make sure that doesn't happen again. I am offering full support and training for as long as necessary to make this transition smooth and easy. I've developed a few tricks of the trade that has reduced the time down to about four hours a month. That is only a half day.

So, whether you are new to the neighborhood or have been here awhile, please consider donating your time for a worthy cause. If you like to be creative and keep your finger on the pulse of all things Meadow Wood Farms then this is the perfect job for you.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have and I will be happy to provide more details.

Gena

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Upcoming Meetings (subject to change)

Executive Board Meeting

August 5th - 7pm

General Association

September 16th - 7pm

Meetings will be held at
Friendship Park under the
Pavilion.

Minutes are posted on the
website after all Board and
Association meetings:
www.mwfpoa.com

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LADIES LUNCHEON

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You may have seen the Ladies Luncheon posted on Facebook and are considering joining. Please do. It's a great way to get to know each other better and enjoy an afternoon out.

August Ladies Luncheon
Tuesday, August 12th, 11:30am
La Fiesta Mexican Cocina
4937 NW Blitchton Road, Ocala



Please call Carol Harper at 352-239-2425 to RSVP for the reservation and to receive updates!
See you there!

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Community Matters

Calendar of Activities — August 2025

All events will be held at Friendship Park unless otherwise stated

- ♦ **Executive Board Meeting** - Tuesday August 5th 7pm
- ♦ **Ladies Luncheon** - August 12th
- ♦ **Birthday Celebration** - August 17th 3pm
- ♦ **Trivia** - August 22nd 7pm
- ♦ **Bingo** - August 28th 7 pm
- ♦ **Equine Club Meeting**— On Hiatus

If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Treasurer,



IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AS A MEMBER/ USER ON OUR WEBSITE YOU ARE MISSING OUT! IT'S EASY, JUST CLICK ON REGISTER NOW AND IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PASSWORD.

Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: www.mwfpoa.com

Become a Member for full-access

What is available on our website?

- ♦ **Neighborhood Directory**
Names, addresses, and contact information of your neighbors
- ♦ **Neighbor to Neighbor **NEW****
A list of Agents & Contractors that are tried and tested by your neighbors. Eliminate the guess work
- ♦ **Newsletter in Full Color**
- ♦ **Meeting Minutes**
- ♦ **Advertisers**
They support our association, so please support them!
- ♦ **Board Member Contact Info**
- ♦ **Committee Member Contact Info**



Coming Soon: Complaint form to submit for deed restriction violations

Neighborhood Facebook pages

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

- ♦ **Meadow Wood Farms**
- ♦ **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club**
- ♦ **Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange**

Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: MWFAngels@gmail.com or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



ALZHEIMERS WALK IS BACK

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On Saturday, September 27th, the Meadow Wood Memory Walkers, our group of neighborhood volunteers (along with friends and family), will be participating in our eleventh consecutive "Walk to End Alzheimer's." Our team of Walkers, with support from our MWF neighbors, has been one of the top teams for many years. We are looking for new team members to join us and help raise funds to support the objectives of the Alzheimer's Association. Team members who raise \$100 or more will receive a special commemorative T-shirt (mailed to your address). Please consider joining our team this year and/or financially supporting our cause toward a world without Alzheimer's. To join and/or contribute use this link to my Alzheimer's page:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=18500&pg=personal&px=11115300

From there you can join the team, contribute, and/or follow our progress by clicking the team link. Thanks again for supporting your neighborhood team. For more information, contact team captain Robert Coveney at 352 229-4243 or rwcoveney@yahoo.com.

As for the walk itself: The official Ocala Walk is being held at Tuscawilla Park. Anyone is welcome to join them or to join me and most of our team members at our own Friendship Park. More information will be provided as we get closer to the walk date.





August 22nd, 7pm Friendship Park

Bring your thinking caps, refreshments of your choice (and maybe to share with your teammates)

Be there or be square!



August 28th, Thursday 7pm Friendship Park

Back by popular demand!

This is strictly a game of LUCK! Cost is \$5.00 for a pack of 10 cards. Cash prizes will be given to the winners. Bring refreshments of your choice and a friend.

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

Our house was built in 1977. Most of the duct work is original. That's 48 years of dust bunnies, dirt and... whatever other ugly gross things settled up there in the ductwork and vents. The coils on our air handler were black, but our system was faithfully chugging along and pumping all this cruddy air thru the house.

We asked around and got some estimates and a recommendation for someone to clean the system. (Note: It was NOT Stanley Steemer: they came and counted the air vents, took about 15 minutes to come up with an outrageous price and left.)

We asked Air Fresh Dryer & Vent Cleaning to come take a look. The company owner, Ozzie, came and looked at *everything*. He was extremely thorough. He took apart the air handler to check out the coils, climbed up in the attic and looked over the duct work, inside and out, and checked all the vents in the house. He took pictures. He explained everything in detail. His estimate was reasonable. Our system is now cleaned, sealed, sanitized and working at maximum efficiency.

I just wanted to give a shout out to Osvaldo and Jacky Gonzalez at Air Fresh for their exceptional service. It's nice to work with a local company... they live on Northern Dancer.

Deb Kane

Nashua Way

Neighborhood Sunshine

If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Lynn Mcgonagill lynnmcgonagill@gmail.com.

A Thank you card was sent to Jean Stout for a donation to MWFPOA & a Get Well card was sent to Connie York.



Life as I see it.

An example of true faith.

A farmer's crops were withering and dying from a severe drought, so the family decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, only the young son brought an umbrella.

An example of trust.

When you gently lift your infant into the air, she expresses both laughter and tears of joy, secure in the knowledge that you will provide a safe catch.

An example of hope.

Each night, you retire to your bed and program your alarm to rouse you the following day, uncertain if you will still be living.

An example of confidence.

You plan to undertake projects or travel, not knowing what the new day will bring.

An example of love.

Despite the prevalence of images depicting war and disaster in the news, individuals continue to marry and raise families.

An example of attitude.

At 75 years of age, I possess the vitality of a fifteen-year-old, complemented by six decades of accumulated experience and narratives. I encourage you to greet your friends and community members warmly.

Do not squander friendships, as they are difficult to replace, and remember that life will inevitably take some of them away.

Ian

Back to School

Back to school... I miss back to school with my kids. I miss the planning and the shopping for it. I miss looking for the best sales for school supplies; on the hunt to see how much we could get with the least amount spent. I miss the kids' excitement when they picked out all the stuff they would need, what color theme they chose, and which organizers that they wanted - all the new stuff for the fresh start of a new school year. I would usually take the day off from work; making a day of it which included a stop at Friendly's (a sundae shop) where we would have ice cream sundaes for lunch. I really miss the clothes shopping - the three of us would spend the day shopping for new school outfits. The kids would pick out all kinds of things to try on - some that they really wanted and some outrageous things just to make each other laugh. We would always stop at the hat and sunglasses department... all three of us trying on stuff that we liked, and totally kooky stuff that would make us laugh even more. We always had so much fun; the type of day that when I replay in my head, just makes me smile. We would eventually make it back to the car hauling bags full of stuff, exhausted but still usually laughing about the silly things we had done. When we would get home, the kids would fly up stairs to empty everything out of their bags and start sorting through all their stuff. Sometimes, they would even have a quick fashion show, modeling a few of the outfits that they got. If they hadn't chosen their first back to school outfit during the shopping spree, then it was usually made after the pop up fashion show. I really miss these times as these were some of my best "good old days".

Michele

Hurricane preparedness for Florida horse owners

Florida's hurricane season is active from June through November, and horse owners must be prepared. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you protect your horses and property:

1. Plan your evacuation route and destination early

- Identify your flood evacuation zone and determine the safest routes and destinations well in advance.
- Evacuate at least 48 hours before hurricane-force winds arrive, as transporting horses in high winds is dangerous.
- Consider pre-registering at a designated equestrian shelter if available in your county, or arrange for boarding at a facility outside the projected path of the hurricane.
- Have multiple backup options for shelter in case your first choice becomes unavailable.
- Coordinate with local haulers or neighbors if you don't have a trailer or enough space.
- Practice loading horses onto trailers regularly to reduce stress during emergencies.

2. Prepare your horses

Ensure horses are current on core vaccinations and have necessary health certificates and negative Coggins tests. Have multiple forms of identification, including microchips, luggage tags braided into manes or tails, spray paint, and photos highlighting unique marks. Use leather or breakaway halters and consider bell boots. If sheltering in place, leave horses in a large, clear pasture on high ground, away from overhead hazards.

3. Prepare your barn and property

Secure your barn by checking roofs, reinforcing doors and windows, and removing loose objects that could become projectiles. Turn off utilities like electricity and water, and deactivate electric fences. Clean gutters and drains to prevent flooding. Ensure fences are sturdy and in good repair, avoiding barbed wire or electric fencing during the storm. Consider a hand pump or generator for water access.

4. Stock up on supplies

Store 12-20 gallons of clean water per horse per day for 7-10 days, using methods like filling garbage cans with liners and adding a small amount of bleach if needed. Have at least 72 hours of feed and hay (preferably 7 days), storing hay on pallets with tarps and grain in airtight containers. Prepare an emergency kit with first aid supplies, tools like a chainsaw and hammer, and basic items like flashlights, extra halters, and fly spray. Keep important documents like ownership papers and health records in a watertight envelope.

5. Post-hurricane recovery

After the storm, check on horses for injuries, stress, or dehydration. Use safe water sources and inspect feed for contamination. Clean up hazards like downed fences and debris before turning horses out. Monitor for health issues such as colic or hoof problems. Document any damage with photos for insurance. Contact your veterinarian immediately for injured or missing animals.

Proactive hurricane preparation is essential to minimize risks for your horses and property during Florida's hurricane season.

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Need to find out if you've paid? Contact Merry Lee Bain at 352-547-9327 or email her at treasurer@mwfpoa.com.

Your MWFPOA thanks you!

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(Annual Dues Effective June 1, 2025, effective through May 2026)

Please send your check for \$95.00 with this form to:

Meadow Wood Farms Property Assoc., Inc., 73 Lake View Dr East, Ocala FL 34482

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